

**VETERANS' RELIEF FUND (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 214 of 1899**

**35.22 Soldiers' relief commission; membership, appointment, terms, officers, vacancies, oaths of office, compensation, powers and duties, removal.**

Sec. 2. (1) The judge of probate in each county shall appoint 3 persons, residents of such county, who shall be honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses or members of the women's auxiliaries, of the United States army and navy, volunteers or regulars, who served in a war in which the United States has been, is or may hereafter be, a participant, at least 1 of whom shall have served in World War I, to be known as the "soldiers' relief commission" of the county, with the powers and duties in this act provided. If there is no World War I veteran who is willing to serve, a veteran of a war as defined in Act No. 190 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, being sections 35.61 and 35.62 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, may be appointed to serve on the soldiers' relief commission.

(2) One of such persons shall be appointed for a term of 1 year; 1 for a term of 2 years; and 1 for a term of 3 years, and at the expiration of the term for which each of such persons was appointed, his successor shall be appointed for a term of 3 years thereafter. The persons so appointed shall organize by the selection of 1 of their number as chairman, and 1 as secretary, and in the event of the death, resignation, change of residence or other disability of any member of the commission, creating a vacancy, the judge of probate shall fill such vacancy by an appointment for the unexpired term. The members shall each file the constitutional oath of office with the probate court, and receive the proper certificate of their appointment. They shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for their services, to be fixed and paid by the board of supervisors of their respective counties. The judge of probate shall have authority to remove any member of such commission for cause.

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